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Students Revive Flat-Lining Ski Club

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Layout Editor

Worcester State College has a ski and snowboard club? That is probably the response you would get if you told a fellow student about the club. Probably farther under the radar than Worcester State's crew team, the ski and snowboard club has been in decline for years. Last year the club did not even have a budget and risked losing its status as a major organization.

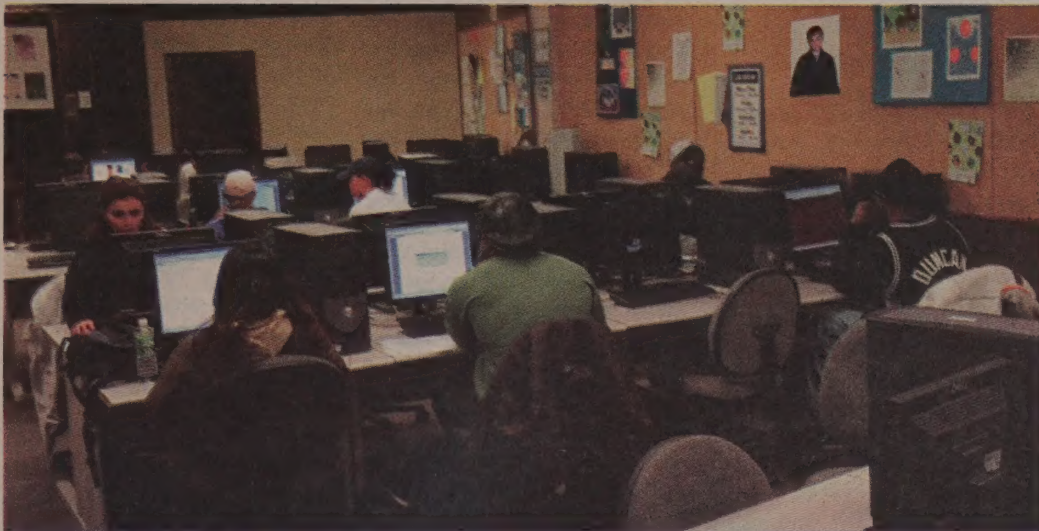
But the club was not always like this. According to previous advisor to the club Laurie Brunelle, the ski and snowboard club was once one of the most active organizations on campus. With dozens of members and an ample budget, the club in the past had organized several trips every year. The highlight of the year was a full weekend trip to a large mountain, such as Killington. The club was able to raise enough money through their budget and fundraising to subsidize most of the trip, including transportation and a portion of the lodging expense. Students on the trip also received discount lift tickets because they were bought at a group rate.

This year, a dedicated group of students has decided to restart the decaying club and try to return it to the position it held years before. According to Brunelle, a student or two will yearly try to revive the club, but the attempt always falls apart before the first meeting is organized.

This year, however, appears to be different. The group has already met numerous times to set up the foundations for the organization. A budget has been drawn up and presented to Senate for the fiscal year. The group is now in the process of organizing the first trip for the year, which will be sometime early in the spring semester. The first meeting for interested students will be at 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday December 7th in the Student Affairs conference room on the third floor of the student center, near the Judicial Affairs Office.

Unlike past years, this instance of the ski and snowboard club actually plans to get something done. They appear to have the motivation to revive this once great club. Anyone interested in joining this organization should attend the meeting on December 7th.

Say Goodbye to Privacy



A Computer Lab in the LRC
Photo by: Kyle Costello

Courtney Towson
Editor in Chief

When interviewed just hours after the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Centers, respected author and political radical, Noam Chomsky stated that "every power system in the world is going to use this as an excuse to increase repression" and "control their own populations". That's the way the power systems react in crisis." Now in an interview with the National Education Association, over five years after the attacks, he is still standing behind his predictions as they become more apparently true--perhaps even more so that Chomsky could have perceived they would be.

Even before the terrorist attacks the government was working to have a greater handle on the communications of its citizens.

In 1994 the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act required telephone carriers to engineer their switching systems so that they would be more easily subjected to surveillance. Now the Federal Communications Commission is in the process of extending this law to apply to monitor online communications.

According the New York Times article published on October 23, 2005 the law would force colleges and universities to make major changes to their current internet service and equipment. This change over must be done by spring 2007, which is a rapid timetable in which to undertake such a project.

The Federal Government is not offering to pay for this change, merely ordering it to be done, and quickly. Because of the speed required to achieve this and the rising cost of technology apparatus including and not limited to routers and softswitches, this could mean rising tuition costs and some say bankruptcy for some colleges and universities.

Terry W. Hartle, Senior Vice President of the American Council on Education in an interview with the New York Times called this the "the mother of all unfunded mandates." Saying that "even the

lowest estimates of compliance costs would on average, increase annual tuition at most American universities by some \$450, at a time when rising education costs are already a sore point with parents and members of Congress"

For Worcester State students, many of whom chose to attend this particular school based on the lower than average tuition even among other state schools, this could mean an inability to afford the tuition in the coming years. Many students don't have an extra \$450 to fork over to the school so that the government can track their internet comings and goings. As the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a nonprofit group working to protect digital rights, so aptly puts it "Consumers will subsidize the surveillance state."

At this point Donald Vescio, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs and head of WSC's Information Technologies Department says that "the changes aren't exactly clear; making it hard to estimate the cost until we figure out what is going on." Vescio could give only vague estimates and was unable to pin down what would need to be done on campus to comply with the mandate.

But even with the vagueness of the mandate at this point, it is clear that a change will have to be made to the college internet system in order to comply with it. According to the New York Times all internet access points would have to be altered including libraries, dorms, classrooms, laboratories, and lounges dispersed though a variety of buildings. The alterations would include "re-engineering the networks so that every Net access point would send all communications not directly onto the internet, but first to an operations center where the data packets could be stitched together into a single packet for delivery to law enforcement."

Although Worcester State is a relatively small school, recent upgrades in the internet system have brought access to the most desolate corners of the campus; making it all the more difficult

and expensive to change over. "That might create a lot more jobs," jokes Associate Professor of Political Science David Twiss, minutes before his American Government class. But the reality of that statement is true and our tuition dollars will be financing their paychecks.

But the cost of the mandate is not the only issue raising both eyebrows and controversy.

The government says that the reasoning behind this mandate is to catch terrorists and other criminals. "The terrorists are hiding out on college campuses now" questions Rebecca Terrill, a Sophomore Nursing Major, with her laptop tucked under her arm and wireless internet card sticking out slightly from the side. She is on her way to one of the many student lounges to type a paper while having constant access to the internet.

When it comes to college students, maybe I'm just being stubborn or whatever, but I don't think that a student has the time to be involved in a terrorist organization, says Kevin Lyons, speaking from the experience of trying to balance homework, extracurricular activities and a social life. "I'm sure that's not true," he laughs, "but doing what they've proposed seems a little much for the circumstances."

According to this mandate the government seems to think that terrorist activity is being conducted though school internet services. And for that reason the government needs to monitor all communication that goes back and forth on college internet systems. This includes internet "phone calls" that use Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) applications such as Vonage, and perhaps soon incorporating online "conversations" using various kinds of instant messaging programs like AOL Instant Messenger, according EFF.

Instant Messenger is a well-known program to basically all college students. EFF believes that soon the government may have access to find out who is currently dating who, what

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Recycling Woes

Sarah Butcher
Staff Writer

If you consider that the average Worcester State student probably drinks one to two bottled beverages a day, not to mention the aluminum cans and food containers that are disposed of in every trash can, then it would seem that the college is a prime candidate for plastics recycling on campus; however this is just not happening.

It was brought to the attention of the Student Voice by more than one concerned WSC student that there are currently no facilities for recycling the vast amount of plastic waste that is generated by students eating and drinking on campus, although it deserves to be noted that Worcester State does have an excellent record when it comes to recycling cardboard and paper fibers.

A report by Draper/Lennon Incorporated from June 2003 entitled Massachusetts Community and State College Recycling testifies to the fact that WSC is successfully recycling its cardboard and other major fibrous materials but failing to fulfill its obligations where plastics and aluminum are concerned. The report states that:

"Worcester State College (WSC) enjoys a fairly sophisticated and successful recycling program. WSC recycles all of its major fiber streams - mixed paper, newspapers and magazines, and cardboard - which are mingled in a single fiber stream and processed on-campus in a compactor. Scrap metal is collected once or twice a year. Computers and electronic equipment, universal wastes, and batteries are all recycled effectively."

However, even two years ago the report highlighted that there was a shortage in the amount of food and beverage containers collected for recycling.

"Conspicuously absent from WSC's recycling programs are food and beverage containers. Given that containers are a major component of the waste stream, that container collection is viewed by students and staff as a core element of campus recycling, and that these items, by law, need to be recycled, initiating a cost effective container recycling program is clearly WSC's top recycling priority."

However, it's not necessarily that the college doesn't want to provide such facilities. According to Julie Kazarian, Director of Residence Life and Housing at the college, a service was previously implemented but with little success.

"We have tried in the past. Last year we did have some recycle bins in the dorms; some of the R.A.s organized their own

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From the Desk of: The Editor-In-Chief



To my amazement and excitement the end of the fall semester is now drawing to a close. This means that professors have piled on the final projects, presentations, papers, and tests, or does it mean that we have been putting off these things until the very last minute? Well whatever has occurred, it's stressful, and just beginning of the worst part of the semester that will continue for some of us right until mere days before December 25.

*For these reasons, this will be the last issue of the Student Voice for the semester. The members of the Voice are students too, and like you we procrastinate and are now a little overwhelmed with all the work that is left to do in these final days.

We at the Voice feel like the last few months have been productive for the paper. We have managed to produce the most reliable paper in years on the campus of

Worcester State, although not that that is saying too much for us as the paper has been anything but consistent in the semesters before this one. We hope that you have learned something, laughed a little, and basically enjoyed the Student Voice this semester.

We have appreciated the praise and considered the criticism, thankfully of which there was little. I'm not sure how much our fragile ego's could have taken. Your letters and responses kept the paper current and topical. Some of them were insightful arguments and others were a little more complacent.

Either way, we appreciated them all.

Next semester we will continue to try and get out an issue every other week. With such a small

staff this is a feat within itself. If you enjoyed reading the paper, or hated reading the paper, we are always looking for new members for the staff and whatever they are willing to bring to the table; we are ready to take it. The Student Voice is here to serve your needs as a student, so have a part in it. Either that or just keep sending us your letters and keep an eye out for Wallyum and those great prizes we give away. Just ask Scott Stankus who will be enjoying his five inch black and white TV over this winter break.

Courtney Towson
Editor-In-Chief

Letters to the Editor

On Sunday November 13th 2005, National Security Adviser, Stephen Hadley acknowledged during an interview with CNN that "we (the U.S) were wrong" about Iraq's weapons of Mass destruction. Although Mr. Hadley insisted that President Bush's administration did not manipulate intelligence nor mislead the American people, his admission cast a dark cloud over an already struggling lame duck presidency.

I must admit that we are in serious short supply of visionary leadership in this country at present although both sides of the political divide are hurling accusations and counter accusations at each other, the contest remains the same: we were wrong in going to War and are wrong in occupying a sovereign nation. A time has since arrived that America must learn to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrities of other nation states. It is clear that although Iraq as a nation was reeling under Saddam's dictatorship and autocracy, the Iraqi people had the potential to rise above his iron-fist rule and reclaim their country at some point. They (I insist) did not seek or want the American hand at fulfilling what I believe was a life long dream of many Iraqis: Freedom.

Nations have no friends, but interests and the American conquest and occupation of Iraq should not be misconstrued as a humanitarian friendly gesture to the Middle East and the world, but rather a selfish move aimed at securing and preserving American interests in the region. The Bush administration has refused to acknowledge its shortcomings (and they are many) and it has stopped short of criminalizing dissent against the war (Thanks to the constitutional rights), but I must give George W. Bush some credit that he deserves: His administration has successfully

blurred the separation of powers between the executive, the Legislature and the Judiciary. He has emasculated both the legislature and the judiciary; two branches that now seriously lack mechanisms for ensuring public accountability and transparency of government officials.

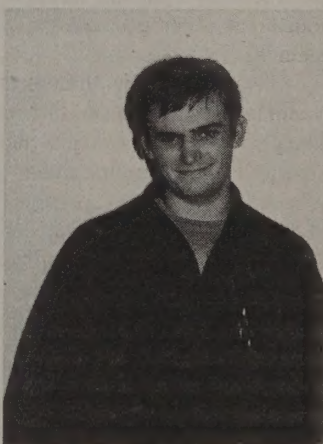
It is with relief that Americans are receiving the news that some if not all in this administration are acknowledging their shortcomings in taking the country to war "through the back door". However, in the words of one of my Professors here at Worcester State, "The Fish stinks from the Head down", and it is about time that the President comes to terms with the bitter truth: We

were wrong, we are wrong and two wrongs can never make it right! What abounds in this administration is nothing close to "public interest", but First and foremost what they have in mind is their personal aggrandizement and re-election.

In seeking to play the Devil's advocate, please allow me to echo Senator Barack Obama's powerful words; "We (the U.S.) have the responsibility to go to a justified war with enough troops, win the war, win the peace and earn the respect of the world". At the moment this is a far-fetched dream, a dream that is not within the dream world realms of "Our Compassionate Conservative"!

Ngugi Simon

Where's Wallyum?



Hey there kids! It's me, Will Brideau. Usually though, they call me Wallyum. Have I got an exciting game for you lucky readers to play!

When I'm not pwning noobs (if you don't know what that is, you're not cool enough to) in Day of Defeat, I love to hide from people. Usually I'll just hide from my suite mates. They're not very good though and never find me. It's almost as if they're not looking.

Today I thought that I would try something different. I talked to my friends at the school

paper and they agreed to let me hide in this edition of the Student Voice. So I shrunk myself down and am now hiding amongst the articles in this paper.

That's right kids. I'm hiding somewhere in this paper. You're job is to find me. I could be anywhere. I could be on any page of this paper. You're gonna need a keen eye to spot me.

Now you may be asking yourself "What's in it for me?" Well, if you find me you will be entered in a raffle to win a fabulous prize. Trust me, I've seen it and the prize is pretty awesome. This is all you have to do to enter:

1. Find and circle me in the paper
 2. cut out the part of the paper you found me in
 3. Attach the piece you cut out to a piece of paper with your name, phone number, and address on it.
 4. slide the paper under the door of the Student Voice office (Third Floor of Student Center)
- Good Luck!

Letters to the Editor

Usually on a good day I get up and go to all of my classes, and for me I take a full

Schedule of six classes and try to attend each one of them. At the same time my life is occupied with sports and a job. This is typical of most college students that try to work and still be a full time or part time student. Which brings up the main question of are too many students working too many hours?

To go to school, unless you are very well off when it come to finances, many students take out student loans, which is either in a partnership with their parents or take out self students loans in their names. Either way, these loans can be expensive, and usually have an interest that the student needs to pay back. It is estimated that almost every college student or one in every four takes out student loans to pay for their college education. Collegiate Funding Services offers college-bound students and their parents a variety of federal and private education loans to finance the cost of an undergraduate or graduate education.

When choosing a college I know from personal experience I had to choose from schools that were the most affordable and the ones that were practical. State schools are usually the ones that are best when it comes to financing or community schools because these are the most affordable and can still offer the same education for other students. At Worcester State College, the average cost to go to school is \$4,000 for commuting and \$ 12, 000 for residents.

Supplies for schools have changed in recent years, as prices have increased and so haven't many students' hours of working. Now, students are paying for books that cost about five hundred dollars per semester, this can be a total of one thousand dollars for books in one year. In some classes, students may not even need the book, but are still required. Because books are so expensive, college students feel the need to increase their hours at work just to afford school, and this can take a grueling toll on a students education, by causing them to go all day in school and then go to work and home to do school work instead of sleep. And if this occurs, there is also the effect on the number of hours of sleep that the student gets.

The average number of sleep that a college student need is 8-10 hours per night, and usually this never happens. The reason for this is because they are usually staying up late either doing work for school or actually working at their jobs. This would be another example of why students are working too many hours and how they not only have an effect on the student's education, but the students mind and body. It has been proved that many college students are sleep deprived, and explains the reason why students do not get enough sleep and come home from class or work and sleep for long periods of time and do not have an opportunity to get their school work done. Another

toll that takes on the body due to students working too many hours is stress. Because stress can be caused due to many things, working more hours and not having time to do school work, study of having school as their main focus can be a major stress. Stress can attribute to much health related problems such as sleeping disorders, stomach ulcers, and constant anxiety. Another example of why students work so many hours is to have their own spending money.

Students in college often work, as I do to earn money for school, but also to have money to spend on things that they want to buy. A few of these things could be clothes or food or cleaning supplies. To live at college you need money in order to survive, as harsh as it seem, it is the honest truth. Spending money is necessary because in order to come to school here at Worcester State College, I needed a dell laptop, and that was purchased, but I also live in a six person suite, and things also need to be bought for that. The things that I typically buy for the suite are cleaning supplies, food and decorations for the tiny apartment. Other things that people would buy are try to afford is school supplies, bedding and equipment for the computer. Other reasons why college kids would work is to earn money for a car, this being a major issue for some college students.

Some students while in college do not have a car or have their parents pay for their insurance and their car is fortunate, but for others having a car means working to afford the car insurance, monthly payments and to park it at the school. Here at Worcester State College, parking is always an issue. In order to have your car here, students go through a process where they have to fill out a questioner on why they need their car, and if allowed need to pay for parking. The fee this year was \$150 for parking in the lower lot of campus and then \$175 dollars for parking in the upper campus.

However, I know that as a freshman and a student that is trying to hold down a job and paying for the outrageous parking price is unacceptable.

It has been discussed that Worcester State College, is building a new parking garage in the future, however even if I would be able to use it in the future and I would be the first generation to, what about the other students before me, and that they would never be able to use the parking garage, yet they are still paying the same amount of money.

The price to pay here is unacceptable going from parking passes from ten dollars to one hundred and fifty to seventy five, the price is an outrage, and so aren't the parking tickets. Last year I was informed that a parking ticket was ten dollars and suddenly it has reached a thirty dollar high, this too is unacceptable. What bothers me the most however, is how even if someone has been parked in a space for fifteen minutes, like my boyfriend was

the other night because I had gotten into a major car accident and totaled my car, all he did was walk me in and make sure I was ok. He then came out to a parking ticket, even as he explained to the officer about my problem and the fact that it was 15 minutes, the officer rewarded him with a thirty dollar fine. I then decided to go and get an appeal form, and that too was a hassle, as I followed the procedure I was glad to give them a copy of the police report, however this was not good enough because then another officer then asked if I had any hospital forms and if I went, I replied no, and he simply responded that my appeal would not win. At this point I am questioning the concerns for Worcester State College students and their regards to their needs, as I explained that after paying one hundred and fifty dollars and then totaling my car and would supply evidence that this really did happen, my boyfriend then got a parking ticket.

Even though I am outraged by this situation, I am still morally discussed with the price of paying for a spot on campus and the price of a ticket, and wonder why prices could be fifty dollars a parking place, and that is if you are lucky to get a parking space.

The main point however is not how much parking is, or what you need to buy for the dorm, or the laptop computer or the fact that even a state college can be expensive for most students. The main question do most typical college students that try to work and still be a full time or part time student, and do too many students work too many hours and try to support themselves?

Erin Johnson

If you would like to submit a guest editorial to the Voice, send it to: studentvoice@worchester.edu with "Editorial" in the subject line.

Thank you for doing such a great job on the, The Voice, each issue gets a little better.

As President of the Elder Advocates, at Worcester State College, I would like to tell you about some members of our organization. In case you don't know, we are the gray hair students the roam the campus and sit in the classrooms. We are 300 strong and anxious to learn and earn a college diploma.

Recently some of our members received quite a bit of notoriety in our community. A few weeks ago I attended a book signing at the Tatnuck BookStore, where Gilda D'Agostino was doing the honors. Gilda wrote the book, Praying For a Miracle, about her son, who dove in a swimming pool, when he was seventeen years old, and became an instant quadriplegic. This is story of how his parents helped him to become a very successful man and entrepreneur. Gilda graduated from Worcester State with a degree in Health Science and Psychology, three years ago at the age of 74.

Several other member of the Elder Advocates also made news recently, Usha Paropkari, a student at the college, was given the Silver Star Award at a ceremony at the DCU center, for her work as host of the Senior Speak radio show. Usha is very active in the community. Nat Mencow, another of the Elder Advocate, started and has successful run the Veteran's Museum at South High. He was featured in paper speaking at the Veteran's Day service. The museum is a work of art and every student should visit it.

The Elder Advocates only goal is to raise money that allows us to give scholarships too several deserving students, every year. The elder Advocates was found by one of the favorite professors at the school, Maureen Power, over fifteen years ago.

On December 14th, we will hold our annual Holiday celebration in the Blue Lounge. We will have a luncheon and entertainment, any student who would like to join us is welcome.

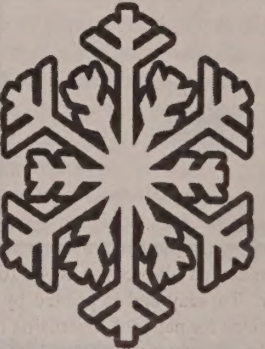
Eileen Tefft

Hey Jan!

It's come to my attention recently that not all college students' lives are as problem and stress free as they could wish. They're overwhelmed by their trivial schoolwork, worried about their bleak futures and have more than enough problems with their exasperating relationships. Where can a Woo Stater turn to in such malevolent times? Who can they ask for completely unbiased and practically researched advice?

Ask me: Jan. I have more than enough years of experience as a busy body and part time know-it-all to dole out solutions to any problem your devil-on-the-shoulder can get you into. You've got a paper due in 12 hours that you haven't even started yet and the electricity is mysteriously out in your place of residence and your car has been hijacked by your suspiciously vivacious brother? I've got a quick fix for that. Your roommate hasn't showered in two weeks and their stench has started to infiltrate your side of the room? I definitely know a way to make them bathe. Your boyfriend cheated on you with your best friend's sister's cousin's brother? I know the best ways to break up with him and seek revenge.

Please, feel free to e-mail me at studentvoice@worchester.edu or, if you don't think that's anonymous enough, leave your horribly embarrassing questions under the Voice's door on the third floor of our beautiful Student Center. Take the yellow stairs or the red ones. Whatever you do, don't take the blue staircase or else you'll never find the office. There, I've helped already.



WSC Students Storm Big Apple

Sarah Butcher
Staff Writer

Shopping, sightseeing and shows were priorities for most of the fifty or so students who went on a day trip to New York on Saturday December 3rd.

Bleary eyes students boarded the bus at 6.30am, many with the intention of sleeping all the way to the city. Those who could not sleep were provided with movies for entertainment until the Manhattan skyline came into view.

Rather over-cautious travel time estimates by Student Activities meant that everyone had only a few hours in the city, but that didn't stop groups from dispersing quickly to soak up all that the Big Apple had to offer. Most

went in search of retail therapy and a quick look at some of the best known sights, while others sought out culinary delights in Chinatown and Little Italy.

An extremely busy New York City was packed with holiday gift shoppers and tourists, many wanting to see the ever impressive Christmas tree and ice rink at Rockefeller Center, along with the copious amount of decorations and lights.

Times Square was also a draw for the crowds, especially as the sun went down and the illuminations became even more outstanding. The Empire State building, resplendent in red and green lights to signify the festive season, delighted all present.















A failure by the organizers to drop of the passengers in the

originally stated area and to provide the promised maps and tourist information caused some initial confusion, as did slightly misleading information as to where the bus would pick up at the end of the day. However, a lack of planning by those in charge didn't spoil what turned out to be an extremely enjoyable, if tiring, day.

Remember, it's YOUR school and YOUR paper, and you have the right to LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD. We encourage you to write and submit your letters, articles, stories, letters, and everything in between to: studentvoice@worchester.edu.

Student Activities Calendar

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 	2 SEC Movie: Cinderella Man OLP, 8:30pm Surreal Sci-Fi Fridays 8-11pm, Dowden	3 New York Trip Bus leaves at 6:30am, returns by 11pm
4 SEC: Cinderella Man, 9pm, SHL Student Activities Breakfast & Movie: "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" SHL, 12noon	5 AIDS Awareness Day Panel Discussion 4-6pm, N/S Film: "And the Band Played On" 7pm, OLP	6 TWA: Salsa Dancing, SHL 7pm	7 SOTA Bake Sale, KKG, 9-1 SEC Movie: Cinderella Man OLP, 1pm Spanish Club Social OLP, 4-6pm	8 Commuter Winter Warm-Up Social 10am-1pm, OLP	9 Surreal Sci-Fi Fridays 8-11pm Dowden Lounge	10 
11 	12	13 	14 <i>Classes End</i>	15 <i>Exams Begin</i>	16 Surreal Sci-Fi Fridays 8-11pm Dowden Lounge	17 
18 	19 	20 	21 <i>Winter begins</i>	22  <i>Exams End</i>	23 	24 Christmas
25 	26 Hanukkah College is Closed	27 College is Closed	28 College is Closed	29 College is Closed	30 College is Closed	31 New Year's Eve

Abbreviations

CMH: Campus Ministry House
DHL: Dowden Hall
EA: Exhibit Area
SHL: Seven Hills Lounge

OLP: One Lancer Place
SB: Snack Bar
SC: Student Center

KKG: Sciene & Tech Center
BL: Blue Lounge
N/S: North/South Auditorium

LEAST I COULD DO



BY RYAN SOHMER AND LAR DESOUZA



THE ART OF THE DEAL



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Death Cab For Cutie: Plans

Jillian D'Apollon
Staff Writer

Attention to those who appreciate good music! A band that was once considered "underground" peaks its head past the foggy boundary of their home town, Seattle, WA. Death Cab for Cutie is finally gaining the notoriety they deserve after the release of their 2005 album, "Plans." For those who are not familiar, you might recognize the first song released off of the album, "Where Soul Meets Body;" it can be found on the popular sitcom soundtrack for the OC. Don't be fooled by the mainstream feel of this song, for the rest of the tracks are more than amazing and do stick to their "indie" roots. With the poetic lyrics and soothing voice of Benjamin Gibberd, (also lead man of his independent project called The Postal Service), and the musical talent of Nicholas Harmer, Jason McGerr, and Christopher Walla, a listener can easily relax and drift into the genius melodies and emotional messages behind the writing.

Their two strongest points lay between tracks four and five of the record—"Different Names for the Same Thing," and "I Will Follow You into the Dark." Perhaps these songs can be viewed as the glue of the properties of love that shadow each line and transitional spot. Gibberd provides shades of grey for his blacks and whites of his lyrics: He leaves room for nothing but pure inspiration and comfort, allowing space for a universal audience. "Plans" must be listened to in whole, for each song is connected to the previous one—that is of course, if you are able to listen that well.

Beware: Death Cab is not for everyone. Those who chose to close their eyes and ears from the band, for whatever reason, might list them off as nothing but Death "crap for whiny artsy coffee shop-dwellers." Former fans and those who are interested should check out www.barsuk.com/dfcdiscout to receive a 15 percent discount off any DCFC paraphernalia. There they can

also find their previous albums, in addition to the well-acclaimed "Plans." I leave the reader and the listener with the short-but-sweet lyrics from, "Different Names Mean the Same Things."

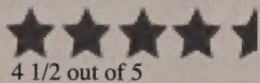
*Alone on a train aimless in wander
An outdated map crumpled in my pocket
But I didn't care where I was going
'Cause they're all different names for the same place
The coast disappeared when the sea drowned the sun
And I knew no words to share with anyone
The boundaries of language I quietly cursed
And all the different names for the same thing*



Album: Plans
Band: Death Cab For Cutie

Track Listing

1. Marching Bands of Manhattan
2. Soul Meets Body
3. Summer Skin
4. Different Names for the Same Thing
5. I Will Follow You into the Dark
6. Your Heart Is an Empty Room
7. Someday You Will Be Loved
8. Crooked Teeth
9. What Sarah Said
10. Brothers on a Hotel Bed
11. Stable Song



4 1/2 out of 5



Scott Stankus, the first "Wheres Wallyum?" winner, with his prize, a portable Television. Congratulations to Scott and last issues winner, Alishia Isaac. She will also be receiving a great prize courtesy of the Worcester State College Student Voice



Musical Matters

With Kevin Lyons and Chris Mchale



Best Albums of '05

So it's the end of the year and since every other music magazine or column is doing their "best of the year", we decided to do our own. 2005 has given us some pretty awesome music.... along with some pretty bad music, but for the most part we are happy with what we've seen. To stick with what we've done in the past, most of the music here comes from bands from the underground scene. We know you wouldn't except any less from us. So here they are in all there glory and we'll see you in 2006.

Chris' Picks

Band: Reggie and the Full Effect

Album: Songs Not to Get Married to

This album was definitely a top album for me. It did not leave my cd player for weeks when I first heard it and all in all was just a catchy and creative album. Songs vary from being alternative to almost a hardcore rock sound to even techno! You will most likely find yourself singing along to the songs with your friends...now that's pretty sweet! It is a unique album that also contains some humor to a couple songs. If you haven't heard this album yet and are open to hear a new style of music, this album is a definite pick up.

Band: Motion City Soundtrack

Album: Commit This to Memory

First hearing Motion city soundtrack from their previous album "I am The Movie", I fell in love with this bands sound. Now coming out with this new album I felt it was even better than the previous. It is an extremely poetic and creative album. When listening to each track on the album you can tell a lot of heart and self experiences were put into the lyrics. The music has a very cool sound to it and even includes a synthesizer throughout the album. If you just want to go wild and listen to a good album, this is a definite plus in my opinion.

Band: The Receiving End of Sirens

Album: Between the Heart and the Synapse

Being from Boston, what is not to love about this band? After hearing a song from their debut full length album, I knew right away I needed to buy the album. After I finished listening to the album I was truly blown away with astonishment. Their sound and style was truly amazing and I give this band so much credit. Coming from being not so famous to actually making a name for themselves in the music world, this band has proved that they can rock. What makes the band stand out from other bands out there is

that they have 3 different singers, so if you get tired of one, there is always 2 more to love! Definitely a favorite album of mine and I recommend anyone to check them out.

Band: The Academy is...

Album: Almost Here

This album I found to be very catchy and easy to listen to. It is the type of album that no matter what style of music you like, you can enjoy listening to. The vocals stand out the most throughout the album along with elaborate lyrics that are very creative. Don't get me wrong though, the music is very cool as well. When I first heard the album I was amazed and a little discouraged that I didn't know about this band sooner. I've listened to the album over and over and still have not grown tired of it. It's just an album that is laid back, easy to listen to, and fun to sing along with. If you get a chance, listen to this album, I'm sure you will not be disappointed

Band: So They Say

Album: Self Titled

This band was new to me. I discovered the band So They Say through fearless records. I am familiar with other artists on the label and came across this band in early 2005. When I heard their debut self titled ep I was so impressed. There hard hitting drums and complex guitars reveal that the band members are true professionals. Not a lot of people know about the band which is a shame because they are definitely worthy of the fame they work so hard for. Besides being possessed with great musical talent, each band member is dedicated to each and every one of their fans. This dedication is awesome to see from a newer band and I respect them highly for that. Still to this day I cannot stop playing the album and will listen to it multiple times in a row. So they say are currently working on a full length album and I am excited to see what they will create next. This album is one of my favorites of 2005 and I suggest anyone to give them a chance and pick up the album.

Kevin's Picks

Band: Circa Survive

Album: Juturna

Anthony Green could arguably have one of the best voices...ever. After making a name for himself with Saosin, Green's back with his hometown band Circa Survive and their 2005 full length debut, Juturna. I was incredibly hesitant about this album because I knew that it was going to be different from his previous work. And though the musical direction is very different, Green persuaded me to fall in love with it, which I did. This music is nothing short of brilliant and has opened my eyes

to a whole new genre of music I never thought I could ever like.

Band: Red Knife Lottery

Album: So Much Drama Ep.

I find it hard to find a decent band with superb lead female vocals... but I found it in Wisconsin. I stumbled upon this band a little over a month ago but the Ep was such a slap in the face that it instantly blew me away. Ashley Chapman's vocals strike something inside me, something I can't explain but I love it. Every scream leaves me on the edge of me seat begging for more. The vocals plus the insane music from the band puts this band on a level far above most.

Band: Boys Night Out

Album: Train Wreck

Yes, we reviewed this album in the last issue of the voice— and true, maybe this is overkill, but I can't help it. I sincerely cannot get enough of this band or of this album. Some say that concept albums have run their course and are a thing of the past, but Boys Night Out do it and do it goddamn right. First Dan Aykroyd and now this... thanks Canada.

Band: Every Time I Die

Album: Gutter Phenomenon

There are few words besides amazing to describe this album. After making a name for themselves with their second full length album, "Hot Damn!" Every Time I Die are now a staple in the scene with 2005's Gutter Phenomenon. This epic piece of musical genius is my top pick for 05. It is with this album that the band shows their musical maturity. Not to overlook the insane guitar work of Andy Williams and Jordan Buckley, is what I think to be the cornerstone of the band, the lyrics provided by lead singer Keith Buckley. He has truly crafted a masterpiece. A variety of ideas and thoughts go into each song, and though confusing at times, they have done something that I think no other band has done this year. Every time I listen to it I hear something new and I can't get enough of it. So congrats to Every Time I Die... you did it!

Interested in having your poem or short story published in The Voice? Please send your submissions to: studentvoice@worchester.edu, with "Literary" in the subject line. Please be sure to include your name with your submission. Thanks!!

Recycling

(Continued from front page)

collections in the trash rooms for instance. Previously, groups & organizations have taken responsibility for it but it's not been successful, due mainly to containers being contaminated."

The report does indeed pay attention to the fact that the college has had trouble with recycle bin contamination in the past but did offer effective ways to try and prevent such occurrences.

"Most cost effective will be commingled collection into plastic bags that are used to line recycling containers that are placed in high traffic locations (cafeterias, student common areas, dormitories). In the past, WSC has attempted paper recycling from student apartments, but was put off by high contamination levels. We recommend that paper recycling in these locations be re-implemented on a pilot basis, with education and slot-top containers used to discourage contamination."

Dr. Amy Cota-McKinley, Professor of Psychology at Worcester State College is extremely concerned that there is not adequate provision for recycling plastics at the college. Currently, she collects her own recycling materials and takes them home, "because of concerns that they won't be recycled here."

Ideally, if each dorm room or apartment could take responsibility for their own plastics recycling then a lot less waste would be generated. However there are many students who would be unable to implement such an idea, due to lack of transportation for instance, but who possibly would support recycling if the facilities existed on the campus.

One student, who wished to remain anonymous, stated: "I don't have time to go to the nearest recycling facility, however if there were recycle bins in the dining rooms I would gladly put my containers in there."

Currently there are plastics collection bins located in the Sullivan Common room for an independent drive to help famine relief, which temporarily may see the amount of plastics put into garbage cans diminish. However all such schemes are currently mainly organized by individuals

rather than a college wide program.

Chartwells was questioned about the lack of recycle bins in the dining rooms and informed the Student Voice that such provision was the responsibility of the Facilities department. Unfortunately, no-one from Facilities was available for comment.

So it seems that if students won't use the recycling bins for their proper purpose then they are understandably not going to be provided. If students insist on putting trash and other substances in recycle bins then one answer could be to locate them next to garbage cans so that students have no excuse but to put the item in the designated bin.

However, this will not stop those who find such juvenile acts amusing, and when you are dealing with students who don't have a social conscience then no amount of adequate provision for recycling these materials will prevent such occurrences from happening.

If students want to have plastics recycling bins on campus then putting pressure on the college is all very well, but it will also be necessary to convince the authorities that even if they consent to providing the facilities, all students are going to be mature enough to use them for the purpose they were intended. Until this happens, the situation is unlikely to change.



Privacy

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happened last Friday night, and what is due on Wednesday all though your once personal online conversations. Although not included in the current mandate, EFF says that "online gaming, instant messaging services, video conferencing systems and others face the threat that law enforcement will look to them in the next petition."

Vescio is concerned with the increased access and finds the surveillance "intrusive and problematical."

Students also have issues with the ever increasing loss of privacy. Alex Bouley, an IT technician and sophomore says that "it seems as if the government is taking precautions a little overboard." Pushing the hair out of his face and not once taking his eyes of his computer screen he says, "To stoop to monitoring college e-mails and class discussion boards seems like a complete waste of resources for a very minute possibility of terrorism, not to mention an undeniable invasion of privacy."

Some are quick to blame others and even quicker to request anonymity after remarking that "the terrorists are causing problems for everyone." And we should "just send them back." Unable to see the bigger picture and the government's role in all this, some are eager to blame the one main act of terrorism for all the censorship and surveillance that has been brought upon American citizens.

These are exactly the type of actions made by the government that Noam Chomsky was referring to. Chomsky feels that schools "should be places where people- faculty and students- are encouraged to challenge, question, press the borders of inquiry, to be completely open to challenging received and accepted ideas. But when you get into areas that reflect public policy," like this mandate, "the hammer comes down and you get repression of challenges to authority" Chomsky says.

Is that what will happen on college campuses as student's every move in monitored? Knowing that one is having every move analyzed will change the way some students use the internet. "I wouldn't feel I had the ability to joke around in a private conversation," says Bouley, "or even simply research government surveillance or recent acts by terrorist groups without worrying about someone peering over my

shoulder via the internet."

"There is supposed to be certain autonomy when it comes to education," says Vescio. "It seems as if we are slowly losing that."

Does the government really need access to every interaction on the internet? What exactly are they looking for? "I heard that at one time every phone in Grand Central Station was monitored," says Twiss. "I just wonder about the necessity of it all."

Once the mandate passes, which Vescio doubts that it will without first being heavily modified, the administration will be forced to comply. But there are some things that students, faculty, and internet users in general can do to protect themselves online.

"Nothing is private once it's online," warns Vescio. "Anytime you log into any account you become public." Vescio suggests using different user names and passwords for all accounts and being aware of the fact that file sharing, online chat, and even instant messenger programs "could potentially open you up for vulnerabilities."

Worcester State doesn't monitor emails or track student accounts. But "every time you put something online you have to think, someday somebody might find traces of this possibly" warns Vescio. Even on Worcester State's own system everything is saved and left to be perhaps discovered in the future. "Everything on the campus network is backed up daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly," says Vescio. "To delete something means nothing; it's still in the archives and students should remember that as they use the system."

"Nothing is invisible," he says. "Even if you throw the computer away, the data doesn't go away." It's all just waiting to be found somewhere on the internet or logged away in some program.

From looking at the recent past it is predictable that major changes will be occurring with the internet. From surveillance to censorship, the government is slowly taking over what was once the least regulated form of communication and information sharing. In an essay written for the NEA entitled Academic Freedom in the 21st Century, William G. Tierney and Vincente M. Lechuga made a statement that is becoming only truer as the government enacts more mandates to regulate internet usage. "The free exchange of ideas means something entirely different at the start of the 21st century than it did only a decade ago." If only they meant that to be a positive remark.

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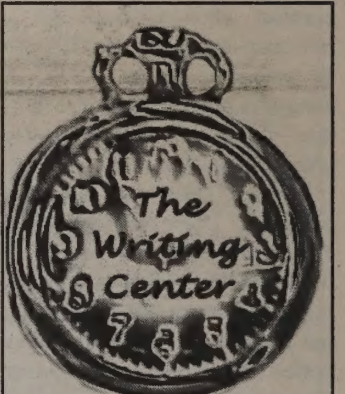
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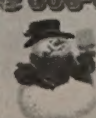
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"The Right to Reparations" Dr. Dennis Brutus

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International Human Rights Day
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Keynote: M.P.Gioyose
Panel 1:
The South African Case for Reparations
Panel 2:
African American Slavery Reparations
Panel 3:
Native American and Other Cases
Panel 4:
Resource Expropriation and Debt Cancellation

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Chair of Jubilee South Africa, Johannesburg
Dennis Brutus
Human rights activist and celebrated poet
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Whose Debt? Whose Responsibility?

Worcester States Budget Problems Solved!

Dominic Schriber
Contributor

Alright, let me open this article up with a couple of interesting facts. Parking at Worcester State is completely crazy, I think we all know this. Adequate parking should be readily available for those who need it, agreed? I'm sure most of you lucky students with permits have little issue with the process of obtaining a parking permit, but allow me to inform you of a problem I encountered with getting a permit, and a simple solution.

You see, I applied for a permit within the time constraints provided earlier this semester. However, I was denied said permit because supposedly they were all distributed, but I would be on a list to get one as soon as space is available. So far so good, right? Wrong. On a couple occasions thus so far, I have come across people who applied *after* the deadline with *less credits* and

furthermore *less reason* that have been granted parking permits, and the administration still have me parking my car to Van Street. Furthermore, I'm not the only one getting a raw deal! Have no fear though, through hours of research and planning, I have devised the perfect means of fixing the problem *and* saving the school some money at the same time; replace the parking staff with male silverback gorillas.

It's the perfect plan; Gorilla's offer *more* intelligent customer friendly service at the *mere* cost of a dozen bananas a day. For simplicities sake, I have constructed a list of comparative benefits between our current staff, and a large, dominant male ape.

As the chart clearly outlines, the advantages to capturing a wild, normally aggressive tropical beast are numerous and worthwhile. I highly encourage support from fellow students in assisting in this endeavor, and maybe *one day* Donkey Kong will rule parking at

Worcester State.

P.S. After this article was initially submitted, I did manage to get a parking permit. Although I still maintain that there are some serious organizational problems, the staff aint all that bad...as far as my short caustic remark pertaining to the food at deka, that's a story for another time.

If you would like to submit an original photograph to the Voice, send it to:
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Gorilla vs. Current Parking Staff

	Gorilla	Current Staff
Low cost?	X	
Efficient work?	X	
Can defend territory if needed?	X	
Actually tolerates food from Dekas?		X
Can perform hilarious yet impressive acrobatic tricks for nothing?	X	
Can provide transportation to vehicle in parking lot via piggy back?	X	

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS YOUNG DEMOCRATS MEETING

Central Massachusetts Democratic Future, a chapter of Mass. Democratic Future and Young Democrats of America, is holding its monthly chapter meeting on Monday, Dec. 12, at 7:00pm at the Milford Public Library, 80 Spruce St., Milford, MA. All are welcome. The group will discuss events for the upcoming year.

Central Massachusetts Democratic Future's primary goal is to help get Democrats elected to local and statewide office. The group will also host talks by local politicians and candidate forums in advance of next fall's election.

The group is seeking members from anywhere in central Massachusetts who are under the age of 36 and registered Democrats, but welcomes participation by Democrats who are not registered voters due to age or citizenship status.

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December 23
8:30-4:00

Gerrymandering Kills Democracy

Bobby Fournier,
Assistant Editor

Walking through the halls of Worcester State, a student can learn some interesting things. All it takes is an unexpected turn and *bam*, it hits you. One day as I was about to eat lunch, a kid walked up to me and asked if I was a registered voter. Not realizing that this was a gimmick for future surveying, I answered "yes". By responding "yes", I was bait for more questioning concerning a petition for the removal of gerrymandering. As one who is somewhat familiar with what goes on in politics, I knew what he was talking about and eagerly participated. But do you know what this controversial political practice is?

According to political analyst David Butler, gerrymandering is the "drawing of constituency boundaries deliberately to secure party advantage". This means that when a political party (i.e. Republicans) has control in the legislature, usually in the State, they have the authority to redraw the congressional lines to their own advantage. Naturally, the main aim of the party in power is to obtain maximum voting advantage at the opposition's expense.

The term "gerrymandering" was named for Elbridge Gerry, former Massachusetts Governor and Vice-President of the United States. In 1812 he redrew the congressional lines in northeastern Massachusetts to his political favor. By the time the redistricting was complete, the shape resembled a salamander. Political opponents called it a "gerrymander". This maneuver helped the Democrats keep a slight edge over the Federalists in the Massachusetts legislature. Gerrymandering has been a significant part of America's election process ever since.

Every ten years, all US states are required to redraw the boundaries of their congressional districts after the current National Census is published. Their intention is to draw districts with equal populations. However, this procedure is not effective because although districts may have similar population totals, it does not mean that they have the same amount of registered voters. In the gerrymandering process, the districts are usually manipulated to one party's favor, resulting in disproportionate votes. The ideal goal in manipulating the congressional election process is to redraw the lines in order to have the party in power's votes slightly outnumber their opponents in each district. The dominant party does not want to win by a landslide in one district because it can take away much-needed votes in others. In effect, they try to draw the lines to make it so the votes are only slightly disproportionate in each district.

However, they are willing to give a few seats to their opponents to serve their purpose. By purposely placing the majority of the opponent voters in large districts, they reduce the chance of opponent victory in other districts. In these

large districts, their opponents can win by a huge margin, even up to 95% of all voters within that zone. This action could put minority members in office because they commonly represent minority-dominated areas. But Butler argues that they are elected to office "at the expense of being severely underrepresented." Most often however, the drawers of district lines try to spread minorities evenly throughout several districts so their votes will not be effective. As a result, the dominant party wins more seats in the legislature by reducing the amount of opponent voters in most districts.

To make the process of gerrymandering more effective, several methods must be observed. For example purposes, let's say that Republicans are the dominant party in Massachusetts. The party's first goal is to make their Democratic opposition's votes ineffective. As mentioned before, the Republicans want to setup a few districts where the Democrats have excessive votes, meaning that much more votes will be set aside here than are needed to win. In effect, this will give Democrats legislative seats for these districts but much of the votes are wasted because only a selected count of votes would have been needed. Now with these excessive votes out of the way, Republicans can redraw the surrounding districts to give themselves a slight edge. It is very possible that the Democrats will collect more votes than the Republicans throughout the state but it's the effective votes that counts and that's what the Republicans will give themselves if they shove a majority of Democratic votes in large districts. This action makes the votes of smaller districts more valuable than in larger ones.

Even though the dominant party increases their chances of winning a majority of the seats within the legislature, gerrymandering is not a completely foolproof process. Problems occur when there are numerous independent voters who may switch their allegiance from party to party in each election. These independent voters can help develop the opponent's edge over the dominant party and turn the election in their favor. The reason why independent votes are usually unstable is that they may become disgusted with one party's inability to complete their objectives or they may be partial to one party's ideas during one election and that of their opponents in the next. Each party tries to continually reel in independent votes throughout the election process, but is unable to maintain hold of them because many issues argued by both parties are relatively similar and the one who sounds most persuasive will collect these independent votes.

Gerrymandering is a huge problem in American politics. Compared to many tricks of the trade many politicians will commit, gerrymandering is a process that is relatively known only by a few of today's voters. Most voters do not know that problems exist. One reason is that many political leaders feel

that it's not worth the time and effort to arouse public opinion. Another is that many feel they cannot do much about it even if they tried. One-time voters chose their representatives. But because of gerrymandering, now it looks like it's the other way around. Democracy is at risk, people. We must do something about it NOW. Contact your representative and urge them to put a stop to it. For more information on gerrymandering, you can visit Fairvote.org.

Shuttle Van Schedule

Tuesday and Thursday

Class time: 8:30

Both vans at airport at 8:00

Van 1 departs at 8:10

Van 2 departs at 8:20

Class time: 10:00

Both vans at airport at 9:30

Van 1 departs at 9:40

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Class time: 11:30

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Plentiful Goblet

Christopher Degon
Staff Writer

Mike Newell is British...very British. So when he signed on to direct a film about a British boarding school he had a small advantage over any other directors that would have been considered for the position. He knew exactly what it was like to experience life living in that very situation, well, minus the wizards and witches.

This is certainly the direction "*Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*" takes. Based on the fourth book in J.K. Rowling's popular series, the movie is a much darker, much moodier, and yet much funnier entry than the previous three films. As it is Harry has entered his fourth year at Hogwarts and even after a horrific incident at the Quiddich World Cup, he is in high spirits. He is back amongst his friends, he has begun noticing girls, and to top it all off the Triwizard Tournament is taking place at Hogwarts this year. But that's when everything systematically falls apart. Through a mysterious plot Harry is thrust into the tournament, though he was too young to qualify, and a chain reaction of loss begins to occur. Harry loses his closest friendship, the respect of his peers, and the possibility of his life in one of the three tasks he must perform. All of this culminates to a grand finale that is sure to delight fans of the book.

The entire principle cast returns, from the massive Robbie Coltrane as Rubeus Hagrid, to 3 foot 6 inch Warwick Davis as Professor Flitwick. Special mention goes to Alan Rickman who, as per usual, gives an inspired performance as Severus Snape. (though fans who have read the sixth book may feel the need to bite their tongue in his scenes). Notable expansions include Brenda Gleeson, who literally steals the show as the horribly scarred and slightly insane Mad-Eye Moody, and Miranda Richardson as the slimy, superficial reporter Rita Skeeter. Ralph (pronounced Rafe) Fiennes does a great job at a role that could have easily been too over the top. His portrayal of He Who Must Not be Named establishes him

as a villain in the vein of Amon Goeth from "*Schindler's List*". For the ten minutes or so that he is on screen his performance is wonderfully evil and slightly schizophrenic.

Special mention should be made about the three leads. Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, and Emma Watson, have all improved their acting tenfold from "*Sorcerers Stone*". It is not only encouraging but comforting to see them improve with each film. Daniel has said that he will stay on for films 5 (currently filming) 6, and 7, so let's hope the other two do as well.

However that's not to say that the film is perfect. The one major fault is the book itself. Clocking in at seven hundred and thirty four pages, the process of making that into a two and a half hour film must have been indeed daunting. As it is many things were cut out. The problem though is not with the cuttings (those can be forgiven), rather with the pace of the film. There is so much to cover, many of the quieter more subtle moments ended up on the cutting room floor. The artsy flavor that was at the center of "*Prisoner of Azkaban*" has been sacrificed for a more action oriented feel. Any magic shown onscreen in "*Goblet*" is spectacular, highlighted, and showcased, but in a way that's the real problem. Thinking logically, to these characters, magic is anything but spectacular. It is an everyday, common occurrence. The effect is that we, as the audience feel perpetually separated. As a result the world that the film is trying to represent feels less real, especially in comparison to "*Prisoner of Azkaban*".

In the end though, "*Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*" is a good film, certainly leaps and bounds above "*Sorcerers Stone*" and "*Chamber of Secrets*". And while it may not be as artistically good as "*Prisoner of Azkaban*" it is still worth checking out.

P.S. IMAX viewing is highly recommended.

(*Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* is rated PG-13 and is playing now everywhere)

Congratulations to the winner of last edition's "Where's Wallyum?" contest, Alishia Issac. She will be receiving a prize from the Student Voice. The Voice would also like to thank all who entered and encourage everyone to participate in this weeks contest for another prize.



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